

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Denecheau et al.		
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FOR:	<b>System And Method For Communicating On A Virtual Ring In An Internet Protocol Network</b>	Examiner:	Elliot IV, Benjamin H

**Response to Office Action**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejection(s) of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.